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IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of selling a commodity via a network, said method comprising:

if instruction information regarding a designated display manner of an article, which was selected from among a plurality of articles of one commodity, is received from a user terminal, outputting to a robot including a camera, a first request for acquiring image information at this moment according to said designated display manner of the selected article itself, said robot provided for a real shop and moving around within said real shop; and

transmitting to said user terminal, said image information of the selected article itself to enable a user of said user terminal to evaluate an actual state of the selected article itself, said image information taken by said camera included in said robot.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

if information regarding a selected purchase plan commodity is received from said user terminal, outputting to said robot, a second request for acquiring image information for said selected purchase plan commodity;

according to said second request, controlling said robot to move while taking image information until said robot reaches an exhibition position of said selected purchase plan commodity; and

transmitting to said user terminal, image information for said selected purchase plan commodity, which is taken by said camera included in said robot, and image information until said robot reaches said exhibition position of said selected purchase plan commodity, to enable said user of said user terminal to see an actual state within said real shop in real time.

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3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
according to said first request, controlling said robot to change a photographing method for the selected article itself; and
if a purchase instruction of the selected article is received from said user terminal, instructing said robot to convey said selected article within said real shop.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
if a purchase instruction of the selected article is received from said user terminal, acquiring identification information of said selected article itself; and
transmitting said identification information of said selected article itself to said user terminal.

6. (CANCELLED)

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer program embodied on a medium, for causing a computer to sell a commodity via a network, said program comprising:
if instruction information regarding a designated display manner of an article, which was